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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAK REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS

1. AGHA SHAHI ASKED THAT I CALL ON HIM ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND IT TURNED OUT HE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT REVISION OF OUR CIVIL AIR RIGHTS AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT BHUTTO HAD PLANNED TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH ME BUT THAT IT HAD SLIPPED HIS MIND DURING OUR LAST MEETING.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS, THE PROBLEM IS THAT PIA WISHES TO INTRODUCE SERVICE FROM TOKYO TO A POINT ON THE WEST COAST. SHAHI SAID IN NOVEMBER 1972 WE HAD TURNED DOWN THIS PAK REQUEST ON THE THESIS THAT THERE WAS AN IMBALANCE OF BENEFITS BETWEEN PIA AND PAN AM TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE LATTER. ACCORDING TO SHAHI, WE COMMITTED OURSELVES TO FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IF AND WHEN PAA RECEIPTS IMPROVED. SHAHI SAID ACCORDING TO THEIR INFORMATION, RECEIPTS HAVE CHANGED TO THE POINT WHERE THE BENEFIT NOW IS ON THE SIDE OF PAN AM.

3. SHAHI TOOK NOTE OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE AGREED TO CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON BY LATE SEPTEMBER, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE TAKEN THE VIEW THAT THE CLIMATE IS NOT VERY GOOD AT THE PRESENT TIME FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. HE ALSO

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REFERRED TO RECENT PIA AND CAB TALKS IN WHICH PIA WAS

SUPPOSEDLY INFORMED THAT IT WAS OUR NEW POLICY TO GRANT ONE ACCESS POINT ONLY. ACCORDING TO SHAHI WE HAVE MADE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY IN THE CASE OF BOTH INDIA AND IRAN. HIS PLEA THEREFORE WAS THAT PAKISTAN SHOULD BE ACCORDED EQUALLY FAVORABLE TREATMENT WITH INDIA AND IRAN AND HE HOPED ANOTHER EXCEPTION COULD BE MADE IN THE CASE OF PAKISTAN. HE SAID BHUTTO'S REQUEST WAS THAT I USE MY GOOD OFFICES WITH WASHINGTON TO SUPPORT THE PAKISTAN POSITION.
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